



JULY 12 - 19, 2014
BIG SIOUX RIVER



Detailed Daily Agenda

Saturday, July 12

Lake Pahoja Park (Inwood, IA)

Lake Pahoja Park Amenities

- Modern restrooms available
- Running water available
- Showers available
- Electricity available in park
- Enclosed shelter w/ electricity available
- Emergency Storm Shelter – Bathrooms and shelters in park, park ranger house basement

6:00 am – Shuttle departs from University of Iowa – Oakdale Campus (Iowa City, IA)

7:00 am – Shuttle departs from Des Moines Area Community College (Ankeny, IA)

8:00 pm – Shuttle departs from George Wyth State Park (Waterloo, IA)

9:00 am – Shuttle departs from Dolliver State Park (Lehigh, IA)

12:00 pm – Shuttle departs from Hillview Recreation Area (Hinton, IA)

1:30 pm – Arrive at Lake Pahoja Park near Inwood, IA

Ongoing – Registration

Sign up for Blood Run National Historic Landmark tour on Saturday afternoon and Gitchie Manitou State Preserve tour on Sunday morning

3:00 – 5:30 pm – **Campground Programs** (Concurrent Sessions) – Lake Pahoja Park

- *Canoe Skills and Safety Clinic* – Nate Hoogeveen and Glenn Harman (Iowa Department of Natural Resources)
- *Tour of Blood Run National Historic Landmark* – Emily Ostrander (Lyon County Conservation) and John Pearson (Iowa Department of Natural Resources)
- *Fly Tying and Casting Demo* – Justin Smith (Lyon County Conservation)
- *Dutch Oven Cooking for Beginners* – Vicki Rath
- *Stand Up and Paddle!* – Todd Robertson (Iowa Department of Natural Resources)
- *Poison Ivy: Plant Identification, Prevention, & Treatment* – Dan Boelman (Zanfel Laboratories, Inc.)
- *Informal Activities* – Archery, GPS, Frisbee Golf

6:00 pm – **Dinner** at Lake Pahoja Park

7:00 pm – Welcome & Introductions

Sunday, July 13 (13.0 miles)

Gitchie Manitou (IA) to Klondike Access (SD)

7:00 am – **Breakfast and lunch distribution** at Lake Pahoja Park

7:30 am – Gitchie Manitou State Preserve field trip participants depart (Lyon County Conservation and Iowa DNR)

8:00 am – Morning Safety (Iowa Department of Natural Resources Rivers Program) & *Rock On!* (Kata McCarville - Upper Iowa University) Programs

8:15 am – **Shuttle** volunteers to Gitchie Manitou State Preserve access

8:30 am – **Depart** from Gitchie Manitou State Preserve access (carry down access, river left – northeast side of river)

4.9 miles – **Halfway point & Trash Pickup Location** – Long's Bridge, SD (272nd St., SD; A20, IA; concrete ramp, river right – west side of river)

- **Cut-off time: 12:30 pm** – anyone not here by this time will have to exit the river

On-River Program – *Hidden Bridge Wildlife Area/Peterson Prairie* – John Pearson (Iowa DNR) and Emily Ostrander (Lyon County Conservation)

8.1 miles – Arrive at Klondike Access, IA (carry down access, river left – east side of river)

- **Shuttle** volunteers from access to Lake Pahoja Park (near Inwood, IA)

4:30 pm – **Campground Programs** (Lake Pahoja Park)

- *Knots for Paddlers* – Jeff White (veteran Project AWARE volunteer/Skunk River Paddlers)
- *Klondike Creek Watershed* – Ann Byers, Michelle Timmer, Sheila Haspels, and Alex Ahders (Lyon County SWCD)

6:00 pm – **Dinner** served at Lake Pahoja Park (IA)

7:00 pm – **Shuttle** departs for Good Earth State Park field trip (meet at Lake Pahoja Park for shuttle)

7:30 pm – **Evening Community Programs** (Concurrent Sessions) – Lake Pahoja Park

- *Geology of the Big Sioux River Valley, Northwest Iowa* – Ray Anderson (The University of Iowa)
- *Asian Carp* – Mike Smith (South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks) and Mike Hawkins (Iowa DNR)
- *Good Earth State Park Guided Tour* – Eric Vander Stouwe (South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks) at Good Earth State Park

Lake Pahoja Park (IA) Amenities

- Modern restrooms available
- Running water available
- Showers available
- Electricity available in park
- Enclosed shelter w/ electricity available
- Emergency Storm Shelter – Bathrooms and shelters in park, park ranger house basement

Monday, July 14 (12.2 miles)

Klondike Access (SD) to Canton City Access (SD)

7:00 am – **Breakfast and lunch distribution** at Lake Pahoja Park; Sign Up for Daily Shuttle

7:45 am – Morning Safety (Iowa Department of Natural Resources Rivers Program) & *Rock On!* (Kata McCarville - Upper Iowa University) Programs

8:00 am – **Shuttle** volunteers to Klondike Access, IA

8:15 am – Klondike Rapids Dedication Ceremony (Project AWARE group picture)

8:45 am – Depart from Klondike Access (concrete ramp, river right – west side of river)

7.9 miles – Halfway point, Trash Pickup Location – Hwy 18 Access east of Canton, SD (concrete ramp, river left – east side of river)

- **Cut-off time: 2:00 pm** – anyone not here by this time will have to exit the river

4.3 miles – Arrive at Canton City Access (concrete ramp although filled with silt, river right – north side of river upstream of rapids)

- **Shuttle** volunteers from access to Newton Hills State Park, SD

Daily Shuttle Service (\$20 per person) to Lake Pahoja Park from Newton Hills State Park

6:00 pm – Dinner served at Newton Hills State Park (SD)

7:30 pm – Evening Community Programs

- *The Nuts & Bolts of Weather Safety* – Todd Heitkamp (National Weather Service)
- *Water Quality in the Big Sioux River Watershed* - Jeremy Hinke and Deb Springman (East Dakota Water Development District) and Mary Skopec (Iowa Department of Natural Resources)

Newton Hills State Park (SD) Amenities

- Modern restrooms available
- Showers available
- Running water available
- Electricity available
- Emergency Storm Shelter – Comfort Station 3 near camp area plus 2 other comfort station buildings in the park

Tuesday, July 15 (13.4 miles)

Canton City Access (SD) to Settlers Access (IA)

7:00 am – Breakfast and lunch distribution at Newton Hills State Park; Sign Up for Daily Shuttle

8:00 am – Morning Safety (Iowa Department of Natural Resources Rivers Program) & *Rock On!* (Kata McCarville - Upper Iowa University) Programs

8:15 am – Shuttle volunteers to Canton City Access

8:30 am – Depart from Canton City Access (carry down access, river right - west side of river)

7.8 miles – Halfway point & Trash Pickup Location – Newton Hills State Park Access (near 482nd Ave., SD; concrete ramp access, river right – west side of river)

- **Cut-off time: 1:30 pm** – anyone not here by this time will have to exit the river

5.6 miles – Arrive at Settlers Access - IA (Birch Ave., IA; Oak St., SD; carry down ramp, river left – north side of river)

- **Shuttle** volunteers from access to Newton Hills State Park (SD)

4:00 pm – The Silverfin Sampler - courtesy of the South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks at Newton Hills State Park

4:30 pm – Campground Programs (Newton Hills State Park)

- *Exploring the Real Missouri River: Mobile Ranger Station* – Dugan Smith and Will Rice (Missouri National Recreational River, National Park Service)

6:00 pm – Dinner served at Newton Hills State Park

7:30 pm – Evening Community Programs (Concurrent sessions)

- *Mountain Lions in South Dakota* – Julie DeJong (South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks)
- *History and Botanical Hike at Newton Hills State Park* – David Ode and John Dummer (South Dakota, Game, Fish & Parks) (*note: field trip involves 1.2 mile hike*)

9:00 pm – movie showing – movie yet to be determined

Newton Hills State Park (SD) Amenities

- Modern restrooms available
- Showers available
- Running water available
- Electricity available
- Emergency Storm Shelter – Comfort Station 3 near camp area plus 2 other comfort station buildings in the park

Wednesday, July 16 (16.3 miles)

Settlers Access (IA) to Oak Grove Park (IA)

7:00 am – **Breakfast and lunch distribution** at Newton Hills State Park, SD

8:00 am – Morning Safety (Iowa Department of Natural Resources Rivers Program) & *Rock On!* (Kata McCarville - Upper Iowa University) Programs

8:15 am – **Shuttle** volunteers to Settlers Access, IA

8:30 am – **Depart** from Settlers Access (carry down access, river left – north side of river)

9:00 am – **IOWATER workshop participants depart** from Newton Hills State Park (SD) to Oak Grove Park (IA)

9:30 am – 4:00 pm – **IOWATER workshop** at Oak Grove Park, IA

9.2 miles – **Halfway point & Trash Pickup Location** – Co. Rd B30 Access, IA (Hwy 143/103, SD); carry down access, river left – east side of river)

- **Cut-off time: 1:30 pm** – anyone not here by this time will have to exit the river

7.1 miles – Arrive at Oak Grove State Park (concrete ramp; river left – south side of river)

Daily Shuttle Service (\$20 per person) departs for Newton Hills State Park (SD) from Oak Grove Park (IA)

4:30 pm – **Campground Programs** (Oak Grove Park)

- *University of Iowa Dare to Discover Mobile Museum* – Elizabeth Reetz, John Doershuk, Trina Roberts, and JC Gillett (University of Iowa Office of the State Archaeologist, University of Iowa Museum of Natural History, University of Iowa Mobile Museum)
- *Falcon and Guests* – Sunday Ford (Sioux County Conservation Board)
- *Walt Peterson Bluegrass Band* (Sponsored by the Hawarden Area Arts Council)

5:00 pm – **Campground Program** (Oak Grove Park) – *Wildflower-watching, lichen-looking, and insect-inspecting in parks, preserves, and peaceful places* – John Pearson (Iowa Department of Natural Resources)

6:00 pm – **Dinner** served at Oak Grove Park

7:30 pm – **Evening Community Programs** (Oak Grove Park)

- *The Archaeology of the Big Sioux Water Trail* – Elizabeth Reetz and John Doershuk (University of Iowa Office of the State Archaeologist)
- *What's in the Water* – Seth Zimmermann, Mike Birmingham, Travis Morarend, Kyle Skoff, and Mark Johnston (Project AWARE Staff; State Hygienic Laboratory at the University of Iowa)

Oak Grove Park (IA) Amenities

- Modern restrooms and pit toilets available
- Showers available (short shuttle required)
- Running water available

- Electricity available
- Emergency Storm Shelter – Sioux County Conservation office, lodge in park

Thursday, July 17 (19.4 miles)

Carr's Landing (Hawarden, IA) to Big Sioux Park (near Akron, IA)

7:00 am – **Breakfast and lunch distribution** at Oak Grove Park; Sign Up for Daily Shuttle

7:45 am – Morning Safety Program (Iowa Department of Natural Resources Rivers Program)

8:00 am – **Shuttle** volunteers from Oak Grove Park (IA) to Carr's Landing Access (Hawarden, IA)

8:15 am – **Depart** from Carr's Landing Access (carry down access, river left – east side of river)

11.2 miles – **Halfway point & Trash Pickup Location** – Petry Conway Area, SD (carry down access, river right – west side of river)

Cut-off time: 2:00 pm – anyone not here by this time will have to exit the river

8.2 miles – Arrive at Big Sioux Park (concrete ramp, river left – east side of river)

- **Shuttle** volunteers from access to Akron City Park

Daily Shuttle Service (\$20 per person) departs Akron City Park for Oak Grove Park

6:00 pm – **Dinner** served at Akron City Park

Evening Community Programs (Concurrent Sessions, Different Locations)

7:00 pm – *Ecology and Management of Broken Kettle Grasslands, Iowa's Largest Intact Native Prairie*
– Emily Hohman (The Nature Conservancy) – depart from Akron City Park at 7:00 pm (*note: field trip involves short hike*)

7:30 pm – **Evening Community Program** – Akron City Park

- *TBD*

Akron City Park (IA) Amenities

- Modern toilets available
- Showers available
- Running water available
- Electricity available
- Shelter w/ electricity available
- Emergency Storm Shelter – pool showers and bathroom in the city park

Friday, July 18 (16.5 miles)

Big Sioux Park Access (near Akron, IA) to Mill Site Access (near Westfield, IA)

7:00 am – **Breakfast and lunch distribution** at Akron City Park (IA)

8:00 am – Morning Safety Program (Iowa Department of Natural Resources Rivers Program)

8:15 am – **Shuttle** from Akron City Park to Big Sioux Park Access (near Akron)

8:30 am – **Depart** from Big Sioux Park Access (concrete ramp, river left – east side of river)

11 miles – **Halfway point & Trash Pickup Location** – Ron Wilmot Access (concrete ramp, river left – east side of river)

- **Cut-off time: 2:00 pm** – anyone not here by this time will have to exit the river

5.5 miles – Arrive at Mill Site Access (concrete ramp, river left – east side of river)

- **Shuttle** volunteers from access to Hillview Recreation Area
 - **Daily Shuttle Service** (\$20 per person) departs for Akron City Park from Hillview Recreation Area

6:00 pm – **Dinner** served at Hillview Recreation Area (IA)

7:30 pm – Evening Community Programs – Dennis L. Sohl Center for Outdoor Learning at Hillview Recreation Area (IA)

- *Iowa Animals: Past, Present and Future* – Victoria DeVos (Plymouth County Conservation Board)
- *Geocaches at Hillview Recreation Area*

Hillview Recreation Area (IA) Amenities

- Modern toilets available in camp area
- Showers available
- Running water available
- Electricity available
- Emergency Storm Shelter – campground bathrooms

Saturday, July 19

Depart for Home

7:00 am – Breakfast at Hillview Recreation Area campground

8:30 am – Post-event shuttles depart for Iowa City, Waterloo, Fort Dodge, and Des Moines

~11:00 am – Post-event shuttle arrives in Fort Dodge

~12:30 pm – Post-event shuttle arrives in Des Moines

~1:00 pm – Post-event shuttle arrives in Waterloo

~3:00 pm – Post-event shuttle arrives in Iowa City